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Dear Josh:

The result of your second and final ballot for Chairman of the Genetics Section of the National Academy of Sciences was close. On June 24, the deadline I had set, 41 votes were in and Giles was ahead by a few votes. In view of the importance of the decision, I thought it desirable to try to obtain by phone the votes of the remaining five members of the section. All five cast votes and mailed them in for the record. The final vote was 25 for Giles and 21 for Kaiser. Giles took office as of July 1, 1976.

So please address all further communications to the chairman as follows: Norman H. Giles, Calloway Professor of Genetics, Department of Zoology, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602. He is at present in South America, but will return July 8.

Yours,

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Dear Josh:

The San Diego conference I plan to speak at is to be held Feb. 14-17, 1977. I could arrange to visit Stanford either immediately before or after.

From your tone on the phone, I got the impression that you were more interested in having me visit than in having me give a seminar. Perhaps the Stanford group is seminar-saturated and you felt it would be better not to add another. Or perhaps you wondered whether what I'd report would attract sufficient interest. I'd talk - if I gave a seminar - about our current work on cell surface reactions that lead, in *Paramecium* of course, to stable hereditary nuclear differentiations. Hopefully, I'll have some of the main early results in PNAS before February.

I'll trust to your judgement of whether a seminar would be desirable, providing you will be completely frank and honest with me. I think I can count on that.

T. M.